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SUBJ: KIESINGER VISIT TO U.S.

1. FORMER FRG CHANCELLOR KURT KIESINGER IS MAKING PRIVATE VISIT TO US LEAVING STUTTGART JULY 30, FOR ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. HIS WIFE IS ACCOMPANYING HIM. HE WILL BE WITH HIS DAUGHTER MRS. WENZEL IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL ALSO DO SOME TRAVELING IN APPALACHIANS BASING HIMSELF ON WENZEL'S NEW SUMMER RETREAT IN W.VIRGINIA.

2. KIESINGER TOLD ME JULY 15 IN LOW KEY FASHION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR KISSINGER, WHO, KIESINGER SAID, HAD INDICATED SOME TIME AGO (UNSPECIFIED) THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH KIESINGER. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD PASS THIS ALONG BUT I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT PROSPECTS AND IMPLIED IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT. I COUNTERED WITH QUESTION WHETHER THERE WAS ANYONE ELSE HE PARTICULARLY WANTED TO SEE AND SUGGESTED DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. KIESINGER AGREED WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE, BUT THERE IS NO COMMITMENT AND KIESINGER IS PUTTING NO PRESSURE ON US, REALIZING FULLY THE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES. WE LEFT IT THAT EUR/XCE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GERMAN EMBASSY OR MRS. WENZEL ABOUT ANY ARRANGEMENTS. I AM HAVING DINNER JULY 27 AT KIESINGER'S HOME AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY WORD IF AVAILABLE.

3. ON SUBSTANCE, KIESINGER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS AND THE US AND FRG ROLES IN IT. DEPT.

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IS AWARE OF HIS LONG EXPERIENCE AND INTEREST IN EUROPEAN UNION

AND COOPERATION WITH US AS WELL AS HIS ONGOING EFFORTS TO BUILD A TYPE EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE PARTY GROUPING FROM ALL WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO FUNCTION IN A UNITING EUROPE AS COUNTERPART OF LIBERALS AND OF SOCIALISTS AND TRADE UNIONISTS.

4. ON DOMESTIC FRG SCENE, KIESINGER TOLD ME HE HAD ENCOURAGED CARSTENS TO TAKE OVER AS CDU BUNDESTAG LEADER AND HAD GIVEN HIM ADVISOR ON DOMESTIC MATTERS TO HELP CARSTENS MAKE DECISION SINCE CARSTENS FELT WEAKEST IN THAT SECTOR.
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